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Identical letters dated 23 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

In my capacity of President of the Rio Group, I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement issued on 22 September 2009, by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Rio Group on the situation in Honduras (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 20, and of the Security Council.

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The Permanent Mechanism for Consultation and Concerted Political Action expresses its continued concern about the serious crisis in the Republic of Honduras and recalls its statements of 26 and 28 June 2009, as well as the statement by the Heads of State and Government on 29 June in Managua, in which it reiterated its outright condemnation of the coup d'état in the Republic of Honduras that subverted the constitutional and democratic order in that country, and reaffirms its demand that José Manuel Zelaya should be reinstated to the office of President in a peaceful and orderly manner. The member States of the Permanent Mechanism also reaffirm the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the Organization of American States (OAS) and of General Assembly resolution 63/301.

The Rio Group reaffirms its commitment to dialogue and political consensus. In that regard, it reiterates its demand that President Manuel José Zelaya should be reinstated immediately and unconditionally to the office for which he was duly elected and calls for a peaceful resolution of the crisis through dialogue and national reconciliation as a matter of urgency.

The Rio Group supports the peaceful return to Honduras of José Manuel Zelaya Rosales, who was elected President under the Constitution, condemns the acts of violence carried out by the de facto Government in the past few hours in the vicinity of the diplomatic mission of Brazil, demands also that the personal safety of diplomatic officials accredited to Honduras should be fully ensured, and condemns the acts of intimidation against that mission. The Group also demands that the personal safety of President Zelaya, his family and his staff should be ensured.

The Rio Group strongly urges that the inviolability of the diplomatic mission of Brazil in Tegucigalpa should be secured in strict compliance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

The Permanent Mechanism also demands that the de facto authorities should, with immediate effect, put an end to the acts of repression against the civilian population and to the violations of the human rights of all Honduran citizens, and refrain from deepening the current crisis in the country. It calls upon relevant international human rights bodies to closely monitor the human rights situation in Honduras.

The Rio Group supports the steps taken by the Secretary-General of OAS in order to restore constitutional order in Honduras.

The Rio Group will remain seized of the situation in Honduras.

New York, 22 September 2009